

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 764, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4839–S4923

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3137–3151, and S. Res. 520–523. **Page S4915**

Measures Reported:

S. 921, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region. (S. Rept. No. 114–294) **Page S4914**

Measures Passed:

Atrocities Perpetrated by ISIL: Senate agreed to S. Res. 340, expressing the sense of the Senate that the atrocities perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) against religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria include war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4920–22**

MEGABYTE Act: Senate passed S. 2340, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4922**

Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 N Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4922**

Barry G. Miller Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4372,

to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street, Bergen, New York, as the “Barry G. Miller Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4922**

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, designating July 30, 2016, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”. **Page S4922**

Relating to the Death of Elie Wiesel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 523, relating to the death of Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, powerful advocate for peace and human rights, and award-winning author. **Page S4922–23**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 124), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. **Page S4910**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4910**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4923**

House Messages:

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: By 63 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with

McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935, in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 4936 (to Amendment No. 4935), to change the enactment date. (By 31 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 122), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S4909–10

Appointments:

Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 114–187, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals as members of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: Senator Nelson (Energy and Natural Resources) and Senator Menendez (Finance).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John M. Huff, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of one year.

Robert P. Suglia, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of one year.

Lori K. Wing-Heier, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Kimberly J. Walker, of Iowa, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—124)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4923.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO, RUSSIA, AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Russia, and European Security, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), former National Security Advisor, and Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security; Julianne Smith, former Deputy National Security Advisor, and Center for a New American Security Strategy and Statecraft Program; and R. Nicholas Burns, Harvard Kennedy School.

U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an assessment of United States economic assistance, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Herbst, Newseum, Todd J. Moss, Center for Global Development, and Alicia Phillips Mandaville, InterAction, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 5651–5683; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 142; and H. Res. 810–814 were introduced. **Pages H4546–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4549–50**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4471**

Decorum Statement: The Chair made the following announcement regarding decorum in the House Chamber: “The Chair has the responsibility under clause 2 of rule 1 to preserve order and decorum. As the Chair ruled on June 12, 2003, an exhibition involving Members trafficking the well is a breach of decorum.”. **Page H4478**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4478**

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 809, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 524) to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 388, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 387. **Pages H4482–97, H4522–23**

Pursuant to Sec. 2 of H. Res. 809, upon adoption of the resolution, the House was considered to have: (1) taken from the Speaker’s table the bill S. 2943, (2) stricken all after the enacting clause of such bill and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4909, as passed by the House, and (3) passed the Senate bill as so amended. **Pages H4482–83**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017: The House passed H.R. 5485, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 398.

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Rejected the Peters motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 397. **Pages H4542–44**

Agreed to:

Duffy amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce a new regulatory action of \$100 million or more; **Pages H4497–98**

Crenshaw en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–639: Duffy (No. 27) that prohibits funds from being used with respect to the case *Rainey v. Merit Systems Protection Board*; Zeldin (No. 48) that prohibits funds from being used by the GSA to market or sell Plum Island, NY; Jeffries (No. 53) that precludes the relocation of an Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, of the Social Security Administration, away from the population center it mainly serves; Grayson (No. 56) that increases the minimum funding level for Tax Counseling for the Elderly by 50%; Comstock (No. 59) that increases resources for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program, offset by resources for GSA rental space; Speier (No. 60) that increases funding for the Federal Trade Commission by \$1 million for additional enforcement of the Do Not Call Registry and education for the public about avoiding telemarketer deception and abuse; Himes (No. 61) that increases funding for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board by \$1,784,000; Rice (NY) (No. 62) that increases funding for the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) by \$800,000; Lynch (No. 63) that increases funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) by \$3,300,000; Walberg (No. 64) that increases funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program (HIDTA) by \$2 million; Connolly (No. 65) that reduces the General Services Administration’s Federal Building Fund Rental of Space Account by \$5 million and increases the IT Oversight and Reform Office by \$5 million; Meng (No. 66) that increases funding for Small Business Development Centers by \$5 million; Engel (No. 67) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles unless those vehicles meet the requirements of President Obama’s May 24, 2011 Executive Order on Federal Fleet Performance; and Grayson (No. 69) that prohibits the government from entering into a contract with an entity that discloses, as it is required to by the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that it has been convicted of fraud or another criminal offense in the last three years in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; prohibits the government from contracting with entities that have been

notified of any delinquent Federal taxes for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Pages H4498–H4500**

Gosar amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits the use of funds to pay a performance bonus to any senior IRS employee;

Pages H4502–03

Hudson amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funding to propose or finalize a regulatory action until January 21, 2017;

Pages H4506–07

Lance amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to give Iran access to the U.S. dollar; **Page H4512**

Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funding for Operation Choke Point; **Pages H4514–15**

Davidson amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that was debated on July 6 that prohibits the use of funds to change the Selective Service System registration requirements (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 379); **Page H4517**

Garrett amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from proposing or implementing a rule that mandates the use of universal proxy ballots during proxy contests (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 380); **Pages H4500–01, H4517–18**

Garrett amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits the use of funds to designate any nonbank financial company as “too big to fail” or as a “systemically important financial institution” or to make a determination that material financial distress at a nonbank financial company could pose a threat to U.S. financial stability (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 381); **Pages H4501–02 H4518–19**

Gosar amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to be used to provide financial assistance to Sanctuary Cities (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 382);

Pages H4503–04, H4519

Guinta amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that makes no funds available to the CFPB to enforce or administer guidance pertaining to indirect auto lending (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 162 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 383); **Pages H4504–06, H4519–20**

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that states no funds appropriated in this Act may be used to enforce a SEC rule pursuant to Section 1502 of Dodd-Frank relating to “conflict minerals” (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 384); **Pages H4507–10, H4520–21**

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that states no funds shall be made

available to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Pay Ratio Disclosure rules (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 385);

Pages H4510–12, H4521

Roskam amendment (No. 45 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits any funds from being used to issue a license pursuant to any Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) memo regarding section 5.1.1 of Annex II to the JCPOA, including the OFAC memo titled, “Statement of Licensing Policy For Activities Related to the Export Or Re-Export to Iran of Commercial Passenger Aircraft and Related Parts and Services” and any other OFAC memo of the same substance; **Pages H4528–29**

Roskam amendment (No. 46 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits any funds from being used to authorize a transaction by a U.S. financial institution (as defined under section 561.309 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations) that is ordinarily incident to the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Pages H4529–30

Zeldin amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds made available by the Act to be used to pay final judgments, awards, compromise settlements, or interest and costs specified in the judgments to Iran using amounts appropriated under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, or interest from amounts appropriated under such section; **Pages H4532–33**

Zeldin amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds made available by the Act to be used to circumvent the conditions of Section 104 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010;

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Jenkins (WV) amendment (No. 58 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that increases funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) by \$2 million with an offset; **Pages H4534–35**

Messer amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used by the CFPB to commence any administrative adjudication or civil action beyond the 3 year statute of limitation established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 389);

Pages H4524–25, H4537

Palmer amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to implement D.C.’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act (RHNDAA) (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 390);

Pages H4525–26, H4537–38

Mullin amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize, implement, administer or enforce CPSC’s proposed rule on Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 391);

Pages H4526–27, H4538–39

Posey amendment (No. 44 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds under this Act from being used to implement, administer, enforce, or codify into regulation, the SEC’s guidance relating to “Commission Guidance Regarding Disclosure Related to Climate Change” (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 392);

Pages H4527–28, H4539

Gallego amendment (No. 68 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that Specifies that no funds may be used to revise any policy or directive related to hiring preferences for veterans of the Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 409 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 395); and

Pages H4535, H4541

Hartzler amendment (No. 70 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits the CFPB from implementing any contract with a vendor to provide informational messages (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 396).

Pages H4535–36, H4541–42

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that was debated on July 6 that sought to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the bill’s discretionary spending levels (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 377);

Pages H4515–16

Buck amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that was debated on July 6 that sought to reduce the salary of the IRS Commissioner to \$0 annually from date of enactment through January 20, 2017 (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 378);

Pages H4516–17

King (IA) amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to defund an Executive Order which directs Federal agencies to provide foreign-language services to anyone who might seek to engage with federal, state, and local governments (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 386);

Pages H4513–14, H4521–22

Carney amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to extend the redesignation period for HUBZones to 7 years (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 393); and

Pages H4531–32, H4539–40

Yarmuth amendment (No. 54 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of Section 317 of the Communications Act of 1934 (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 394).

Pages H4533–34, H4540–41

Withdrawn:

Sanford amendment (No. 47 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to enforce regulations limiting the rights of Americans to travel to Cuba.

Pages H4530–31

H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5485) was agreed to Tuesday, July 5th.

Recess: The House recessed at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 8 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4482.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 38 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and nineteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4515–16, H4516–17, H4517, H4517–18, H4518–19, H4519, H4519–20, H4520–21, H4521, H4521–22, H4522–23, H4523, H4537, H4537–38, H4538–39, H4539, H4539–40, H4540–41, H4541, H4541–42, H4543–44, and H4544. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY: ON-THE-GROUND EXPERIENCES OF FORMER MILITARY LEADERS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Agriculture and National Security: On-the-Ground Experiences of Former Military Leaders”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

GOLDWATER-NICHOLS REFORM: THE WAY AHEAD

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Goldwater-Nichols Reform: The Way Ahead”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH CHINA SEA MARITIME DISPUTES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “South China Sea Maritime Disputes”. Testimony was heard from Abraham M. Denmark, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, Department of Defense; and Colin Willett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

AN INTRODUCTION TO REGULATORY BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Introduction to Regulatory Budgeting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5587, the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act”. H.R. 5587 was ordered reported, as amended.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGREEMENTS AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL DISPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Federal, State, and Local Agreements and Economic Benefits for Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei; Dold; Hardy; and Titus; Joseph Hardy, State Senator, State of Nevada; Dan Schinhofen, County Commissioner, Nye County, Nevada; and a public witness.

EXAMINING THE ADVANCING CARE FOR EXCEPTIONAL KIDS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT SALES TO IRAN

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Implications of U.S. Aircraft Sales to Iran”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY: THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECKLESS RELEASE OF TERRORISTS FROM GUANTANAMO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Demanding Accountability: The Administration's Reckless Release of Terrorists from Guantanamo”. Testimony was heard from Lee Wolosky, Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure, Department of State; and Paul M. Lewis, Special Envoy for Guantanamo Detention Closure, Department of Defense.

HOW PERVERSIVE IS MISCONDUCT AT TSA: EXAMINING FINDINGS FROM A JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency; and Subcommittee on Transportation Security, held a joint hearing entitled “How Pervasive is Misconduct at TSA: Examining Findings from a Joint Subcommittee Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Huban Gowadia, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Andrew Oosterbaan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 320, the “Rapid DNA Act of 2015”; H.R. 5578, the “Survivors’ Bill of Rights Act of 2016”; and H.R. 3765, the “ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 320 and H.R. 3765. H.R. 5578 was ordered reported, without amendment.

STATE PERSPECTIVES ON BLM'S DRAFT PLANNING 2.0 RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “State Perspectives on BLM's Draft Planning 2.0 Rule”. Testimony was heard from Jim Lyons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of Interior; Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City, Utah; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the State Department”. Testimony was heard from James Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Steve Linick, Inspector General, Department of State; and I. Charles McCullough III, Inspector General, Intelligence Community.

EXAMINING THE NATION'S CURRENT AND NEXT GENERATION WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on the Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Nation’s Current and Next Generation Weather Satellite Programs”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ralph Stoffer, Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Air Force; and Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5638, the “Solar Fuels Innovation Act”; H.R. 5640, the “Electricity Storage Innovation Act”; and H.R. 5636, the “National Institute of Standards and Technology Campus Security Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5638 and H.R. 5640. H.R. 5636 was ordered reported, without amendment.

PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING AT UNITED STATES PORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; and the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security, held a joint hearing entitled “Prevention of Smuggling at United States Ports”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, and Capabilities, U.S. Coast Guard; Wayne Brasure, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Todd C. Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gregory H. Canavan, Senior Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratories; David A. Espie, Director of Security, Maryland Port Administration, Port of Baltimore; and a public witness.

DEFYING THE CONSTITUTION: THE ADMINISTRATION'S UNLAWFUL FUNDING OF THE COST SHARING REDUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Defying the Constitution: The Administration’s Unlawful Funding of the Cost Sharing Reduction Program”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Mary Wakefield, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Michael Deich, Senior Advisor for Budget, Office of Management and Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5613, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction of supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016; and H.R. 5523, the “Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act”. H.R. 5613 and H.R. 5523 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D753)

H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. Signed on July 6, 2016. (Public Law 114–189)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The ACA’s Cost Sharing Reduction Program: Ramifications of the Administration’s Decision on the Source of Funding for the CSR Program”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Contracting Fairness”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Report of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi, 9 a.m., HVC–301. This meeting will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, July 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5293, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 8

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany S. 524—Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. Consideration of the Motion to go to Conference and the Motion to Instruct Conferees on S. 2943—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

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